

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5013

As of February 4, 2003

Title: An act relating to the minimum hourly wage.

Brief Description: Capping the minimum wage rate at 136.2% of the federal rate.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford, McCaslin, Mulliken and Hale.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Trade: 2/6/03.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & TRADE

Staff: Jennifer Ziegler (786-7316)

Background: Current law requires the Department of Labor and Industries to calculate an adjusted minimum wage rate on September 30 of each year. The department must increase the current year's minimum wage rate by the rate of inflation.

The current state minimum wage rate is \$7.01 per hour. The current federal minimum wage rate is \$5.15 per hour.

Summary of Bill: The state minimum wage rate may not exceed 136.2 percent of the federal minimum wage rate.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.